REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action mailed May 29, 2009 (hereinafter, "Office Action"), claims 1-2, 7-11, 16-18 and 33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Claims 1, 10-11, 16-18 and 33-34 have been amended.

Applicants respectfully respond to the Office Action.

I. <u>Claims 1-2, 7-11, 16-18 and 33 Rejected Under 35 U.S.C. § 101</u>

Claims 1-2, 7-11, 16-18 and 33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claim 1 is an independent claim, and claims 2 and 8 depend from claim 1. Claim 1 has been amended to specify that the "multiplying" and "determining" are "by a processor." This amendment is supported by at least paragraph [0027] of Applicants' specification. In view of this amendment to claim 1, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is "tied to a particular machine or apparatus," and therefore satisfies the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 101. See In re Bilski, 88 U.S.P.Q.2d 1385 (Fed. Cir. 2008) ("[a] claimed process is surely patent-eligible under § 101 if ... it is tied to a particular machine or apparatus"). Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 1, 2 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 be withdrawn.

Similarly, claim 33 is an independent claim, and claims 7 and 9 depend from claim 33. Claim 33 has been amended to specify that the "dividing" and "determining" are "by a processor." This amendment is supported by at least paragraph [0027] of Applicants' specification. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 33, 7 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 be withdrawn.

Claim 10 is an independent claim, and claims 11 and 17 depend from claim 10. Claim 10 has been amended to recite a "computer-readable storage medium" to make it clear that it is a physical medium. These amendments are supported by at least paragraph [0043] of Applicants' specification. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 10, 11 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 be withdrawn.

Similarly, claim 34 is an independent claim, and claims 16 and 18 depend from claim 34. Claim 34 has been amended to recite a "computer-readable storage medium" to make it clear that it is a physical medium. These amendments are supported by at least paragraph [0043] of

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Applicants' specification. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of

claims 34, 16, and 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims in the

present application are in a condition for allowance, which is earnestly solicited. Should any

issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the

number provided below.

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